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Dear Mr. Goldstein:

**Re: Smelter/Tailing Soil Investigation Unit
Revised Interim Remedial Action Workplan-Chino AOC**

Submitted under separate cover are responses to comments on the Interim Remedial Action (IRA) Workplan for the Smelter/Tailing Soil Investigation Units (STIU) under the Chino Administrative Order on Consent (AOC). The New Mexico Environmental Department (NMED) in a letter dated October 24, 2007 commented on this proposed IRA workplan. Chino's response letter to the comments was submitted today to Mr. Phil Harrigan. The workplan will be revised and submitted in response to the NMED comments following the Department's approval of the response document.

Please contact Ms. Pam Pinson at (505) 537-4213 if you have any questions regarding this IRA workplan.

Sincerely,

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